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## **SRS ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE LOADS SANTA'S SLEIGH**

AIKEN, S.C., (Dec. 11)—U.S. Marine Corps Reservists will collect their largest area contribution today at the Savannah River Site. Employees donated more than 10,000 toys during the site's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Drive.

The annual event, sponsored by the employees of SRS's Construction Department—part of the Project, Design and Construction Services business unit—allows employees to contribute in a variety of ways like donating an unwrapped toy, filling a holiday stocking, adopting a "Christmas Angel," or making a monetary contribution.

For the second year, PD&CS was a sponsor of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, enabling SRS employees to adopt 150 area children. Instead of, or perhaps in addition to, toy donations, many SRS employees chose to give more than 2,800 clothing and accessory items to Angel Tree recipients. Other fund-raising events were also part of the campaign.

SRS Toys for Tots Chair Sheri Still said, "This was another good year for the Angel Tree program. The idea of giving necessary items like clothing appeals to many people, even though toys and Christmas seem to go together."

Since the origination of the toy drive in 1991, employees have contributed more than 100,000 toys to the Marine-sponsored program.

Bill Elkins, Director of PD&CS, is proud of the Construction Department's ambitious toy campaign. "Each year we want to give the children of the CSRA

something to smile about on Christmas. We proudly combine forces with area Marines and the Salvation Army to help make sure the Toys for Tots Foundation has enough toys to distribute to needy area youngsters.”

Manager of Construction and Startup Services Rick Bradford added, “Our employees have given all-out support to this campaign since it started, and we get more enthusiastic about it every year. There are far too many children who need something to lift their spirits, or even a coat to stay warm, for us to give anything less than our best.”

In addition, Bechtel Savannah River Incorporated also donated \$2,000 to this year’s drive.

PD&CS provides engineering, construction, project management and environmental services to the site. PD&CS is operated by BSRI—a team partner with Westinghouse Savannah River Company.